

## Soliven.Stephanie@Secondary Leading and Learning

**From:** Karen Colby [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 13, 2023 10:30 PM  
**To:** Soliven.Stephanie@Secondary Leading and Learning  
**Subject:** Request for reconsideration of materials The Sun and Her Flowers by Rupi Kaur

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### Information Regarding Materials for Reconsideration

Type of material:

Book

Video/DVD

CD/MP3

Adopted Textbook

Periodical

Audio Book

Other (please specify)

All Formats

Title of material:

The Sun and her flowers

Author(s):

Rupi

Kaur

Publisher/Producer Andrews McNacl Publishing

Copyright date: Oct 3, 2017

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F.S. 1006.40(3)(d) requires that any materials purchased thereunder, must be:

Free of pornography and materials prohibited under F.S. 847.012.

Suited to student needs and their ability to comprehend the material presented.

Appropriate for the grade level and age group for which the materials are used or made available.

\*Please select (above) which portion of the cited Florida Statute that you feel most captures your objection to the material.

2. What brought this material to your attention? I-saw this book mentioned on a Social media Post, found this book is in the shelf at school!!!

3. Did you examine the entire material? No if not that parts did you examine?

Pages 6,12,34,40,58,62,63,68,72,73,85,86,88,94,100,121,124,135,147,155,161, 168,172,178,188,197,210,212,226,and the illustration figures 1,2,3,3, on attachment

4. To what material do you object. The above pages have private parts of children being raped by others being harmed being confined being held down while multiple sexual partners are involved. This book belongs on an adult shelf not in a school library. The simple line drawings of a child with its face in a woman's abundant pubic hair is particularly a poor choice for a school.

5. What do you think is the theme or purpose of the material?

To cause a person to do be sexually aroused. To make a person numb to the passages about painful sex, violent sex, and rape.

6. What do you feel might be the result of a student using this material?

A student could feel compelled to try these Painful and forceful tactics such as are described by author on another student or sibling (s) much weaker!

7. For what age group would you recommend this material?

21 and Up.

8. In your opinion, is there anything of value in this material?

No. There is an overwhelming amount of offensive material. The only use this material has is as paper mulch..

9. Have you read any critical reviews of this material? If so, what? Please be specific.

Wall St. Journal, New York Magazine, Boston Globe

The reviews do not mention the violent sexual scenes! I do not agree with the reviews. Not for a children's book!

10. What would you like the school to do about this material? (Check your choice.)

Do not assign it to my child.

Withdraw it from all students: ☒

Other: (Please explain)

11. If this material is withdrawn, what material of the same subject and format would you suggest as a substitute?

Anne of Green Gables

Requestor's Name:

Requestor's Contact Information

(First) Karen

(Middle)

(Last) Colby

Requestor's Address:

(Street Address)

(City)

(State)

(32937 Zip Code)

Email Address

Home Phone:

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Requestor's Signature (Physical Signature Required see attachment image)

Date March 10, 2023

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Reviewer Notes (if any):

School Materials Review Committee Meeting Date:

Outcome:

District-Level Materials Review Committee Meeting Date: (if applicable)

Outcome:

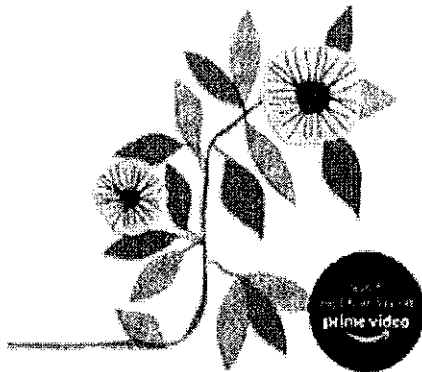
**Requestor's Name: .**

**Requestor's Address:**

# THE SUN AND HER FLOWERS

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and her flowers

rupi kaur

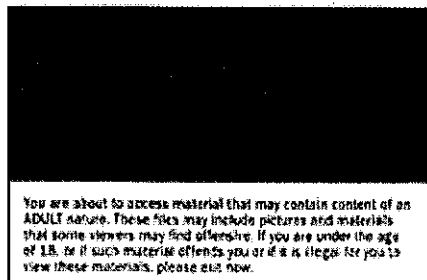


#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

*Adult*

**By Rupi Kaur**

ISBN: 978-1-4494-8890-1



## Book Summary:

A collection of short poems about women, love, and abuse.

## Summary of Concerns:

This book contains sexual activities; sexual assault; sexual nudity; and abortion commentary.

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**Not For Mino**  
BookLook's Review Rating

**The Sun and her flowers**  
PDF Document - 700 KB

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